Minutes Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall August 18, 2009

Attendance: Fran VanTreese, Helene Ver Eecke, Karen Kowles, Chris Slemp, Walter Wolnik, Jennifer Gundersen, Guilford Mooring, Peter Lillya (at 10:30 a.m.)

Fran VanTreese opened the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

A quorum was not present so approval of the minutes of the previous meeting was deferred to the next meeting. Fran agreed to act as temporary secretary for the August meeting.

Jennifer Gundersen of the Amherst Police Department discussed the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Grant the Police Department had recently been granted. They plan to do a public education campaign and to purchase reflective equipment and some break away signs. There was a general discussion about developing an informational brochure. Jennifer will send each member of the PTBC a draft of the brochure for comments back to her.

Chris Slemp passed out a letter from the Save Our Stop Committee and discussed what the SOS was doing. There were no other Committee updates because no other Committees had met since the previous meeting.

Karen and Fran discussed their "field trip" to the UMass "cinder road" that leads to North Village Apartments and the possibilities of connecting the North Amherst Apartments complexes with a multi-use path through this area. Dave Ziomek will be invited to the September or October meeting to discuss this.

The group discussed whether to continue to have a liaison to the Community Development Committee and all agreed that we did not think it was necessary.

The PTBC has seven appointed members now. Fran will find out of what is the status of our request to reduce the membership from nine to seven.

Fran will have new bookmarks printed for Route 32 for this year.

Peter will type up the list of member contact information.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran VanTreese Acting Secretary